



Photo courtesy Keith Wallace

Keith Wallace is pictured with the first mountain goat taken on Mt. Timpanogos. He used a bow to down the animal.

Wallace logs lots of firsts with goat kill

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From 300 yards away, Keith Wallace could tell the snow-white billy was large enough to be a record animal.

The animal he was stalking was the first mountain goat to be hunted in modern day on Mt. Timpanogos. For one hour he meticulously crept over jagged ledges and grassy meadows. Finally 28 yards away he drew his Oregon 80 pound bow, aimed and released. It was a perfect shot and he had his trophy.

This was the first mountain goat legally shot on Mt. Timpanogos, the first mountain goat shot with a bow in Utah and a first in the archery records for Utah, according to Wallace. Nationally the goat would probably place in the top 30 of all goats recorded.

"I had scouted the goats before the hunt. I knew there were a couple of nice goats in the Timp herd. I thought the one I shot was the big one.

"After I shot the billy I went down to him and I saw a larger billy looking over a ledge down at me. He was beautiful with a long white beard. He would probably place in the top five in the nation."

Wallace, from American Fork, says he was excited to be the first to hunt the Mt. Timpanogos herd and to do it with a bow.

"The Utah Bowman Association helped establish the original herd on Timpanogos by supplying funds and manpower to the DWR for the project," says Wal-

lace.

Wallace, an archery enthusiast, owns and operates Tall Timber Archery in Lindon. He and his wife Bonnie also manufacture clothing and packs from camouflage fleece material and cordura. His clothing line is currently being marketed in outlets from Pennsylvania to California. His Tall Timber Archery business sells his polar fleece clothing and equipment and a full line of archery equipment.

Wallace is also a 13-year rodeo veteran and manufactures some horse riding equipment. They make their own packs, saddle bags and scabbards.

Wallace's goat permit is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. He also drew a once-in-a-lifetime moose permit this year. He attempted to take his moose with archery equipment but after a week of hard hunting he switched to his rifle and downed a nice bull.

Of the two hunts this summer, Wallace says he enjoyed the goat hunt best. "It was a unique and exciting hunt. I like to hunt by myself and I was all alone in a beautiful area with beautiful weather and had a great time. Goats are exciting to hunt and beautiful to watch."

Wallace says he and other archery enthusiasts would like to see the Timp herd hunted by archery equipment only.

"The herd is basically not scared of people. If they get hunted by rifles they may get scared and chase. If that happens the goats will become wilder."

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